

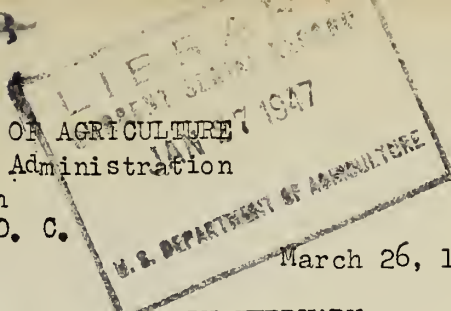
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SOYBEAN INSPECTIONS SHOW FURTHER INCREASE IN FEBRUARY

Inspected receipts of soybeans increased in February, with continued improvement in quality, according to inspectors' reports to the Grain Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration.

February inspections totaled 5,219 cars compared with 4,153 cars in January and 3,464 cars in December. The five-year average for the month of February for the crop years 1940-44 was 3,074 cars. Inspected receipts for October-February this season were 67,107 cars compared with 58,152 cars for the same period last season.

The quality of soybeans inspected in February continued to improve, 91 percent grading No. 2 or better compared with 88 percent in January and 77 percent in December.

February inspections included the equivalent of 113 cars inspected as cargo lots and truck receipts equivalent to about 31 cars.

Soybeans: Inspected receipts, February 1946, in carlots 1/

Class	Grade					Total	
	No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	Sample	February 1946	Oct. 1, 1945-Feb. 28, 1946
Yellow	3,867	859	304	96	29	5,155	65,950
Green	1	-	-	-	-	1	72
Brown	4	2	3	-	-	9	52
Black	11	13	5	1	-	30	558
Mixed	5	7	10	1	1	24	475
Total cars	3,888	881	322	98	30	5,219	
Percentages	74	17	6	2	1	100	
Oct.-Feb. 1945-46	Cars: 47,804	13,675	4,207	1,067	354		67,107
Percentages	71	20	6	2	1		100
Oct.-Feb. 1944-45	Cars: 30,809	19,325	6,055	1,393	570		58,152
Percentages	53	33	11	2	1		100

1/ Cargo and truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,650 bushels equal 1 carlot.

